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E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER COSGRAVE

1. AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE US BY PRIME MINISTER COSGRAVE DURING THE PERIOD AROUND MARCH 17 HAS BEEN APPROVED. THE PRESIDENT'S PARTICIPATION WILL BE ON MARCH 17 AND WILL INCLUDE THE ARRIVAL CEREMONY, A 60-MINUTE OFFICE MEETING, AND A BLACK TIE DINNER.

2. REQUEST YOU ADVISE THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE OF THE FOREGOING AND, IF THE PRIME MINISTER AGREES, SUGGEST BOTH GOVERNMENTS ISSUE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING VISIT. WHITE HOUSE WOULD PREFER TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT ON FEBRUARY 5. US TEXT, WHICH WOULD BE RELEASED BY THE WHITE HOUSE AT 11:00 A.M. EST ON THAT DAY, IS AS FOLLOWS:

3. BEGIN TEXT: PRESIDENT FORD HAS INVITED PRIME MINISTER LIAM COSGRAVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND TO PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNITED STATES BICENTENNIAL. PRIME MINISTER COSGRAVE HAS ACCEPTED THE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION WITH PLEASURE
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AND WILL MAKE HIS VISIT ON MARCH 17, 1976. THE TWO

LEADERS LOOK FORWARD TO MARKING THE CLOSE TIES OF
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND IRISH PEOPLE, AND TO
REVIEWING A NUMBER OF MATTERS OF CURRENT INTEREST
INCLUDING BILATERAL AFFAIRS AND US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS.

END TEXT.

4. REQUEST REPLY BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM ON WHETHER
ANNOUNCEMENT, TIMING AND TEXT AGREEABLE TO PRIME
MINISTER. KISSINGER

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